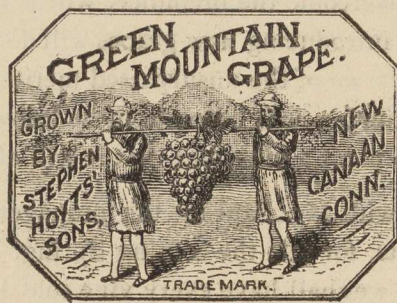


"THE GREEN MOUNTAIN GRAPE."



This extra early and delicious Grape was found by Mr. J. M. Paul, of North Adams, Mass., growing in a garden on the side of the Green Mountains, in Vermont, at an altitude of 1,400 feet, where he found it ripened its fruit perfectly. It is a very strong, vigorous and healthy growing vine, of remarkable productiveness and hardiness, and withal so early, that it does not fail to fully ripen its fruit in the locality where it was found, or in any other place where it has been planted. We have tested it three years in our soil. The two first seasons it ripened its fruit by the 25th of August, and the last season, which was a very late one, it was ripe by September 1st. We have set vines of the Delaware, Brighton, Iona, Prentis, Rebecca, Eldorado, Croton, Walter and other sorts of like character, but they all mildew in our soil so badly that they fail to ripen their fruit and we have been obliged to discard them. The "Green Mountain" has not failed to produce and ripen a full crop in the three years we have tested it. The vine grows as strong as the Concord and will flourish in any soil where the Concord grows, and is nearly three weeks earlier. It may truly be called in Southern Connecticut an August grape. The color of the grape is green or greenish white when ripe. The quality is superb. The skin very thin; the pulp exceedingly tender and sweet, containing from one to two seeds only, which separates from the pulp by the slightest pressure after slipping from the skin. We have handed bunches of the Green Mountain to several persons to test its quality and the first exclamation is, "Oh! isn't that splendid!" We do not remember of a single person who has tasted the grape but was delighted with it, and many say that it is the most like a hot house grape of any out-door grape they ever tasted. We do not believe there is an early grape superior to it in quality; that bears younger; is more productive, or that is more desirable for an early grape than this one. It is especially well adapted to be grown in northern localities where the Concord, Brighton, Niagara, Delaware, Procklington and many other valuable varieties, oftentimes fail, or perhaps never ripen, and in those localities where these sorts do ripen, the Green Mountain is equally desirable, as it will lengthen the grape

season by coming in at least two weeks before the earliest of the above named varieties. It should be in every garden where grapes will grow, and we are very confident that no person planting a vine of this variety will ever regret it.

It is with great pleasure, yet with some diffidence that we place this vine before the public for sale. There have been so many new varieties of grapes placed upon the market and sold at large prices, which have proven to be of little if of any value, thereby deceiving and defrauding those who bought them, that now when a variety of real merit is offered, it is likely to be received with more or less doubt, or rejected by many and looked upon as another "humbug." For this reason we hesitated to introduce it, knowing how hard it is to overcome the prejudice, which in too many instances is only just, and also, that other parties who are introducing new grapes will do all they can to drive this competitor out of the field. Yet so confident are we of the unsurpassed merits of this delicious grape that we take great pleasure in introducing it, believing as it becomes more known, it will not only be wanted by all who have a place upon which to plant a vine, but that it will also be a credit to us as introducers.

We have therefore arranged with Mr. Paul for the propagation of the vines, and have a few thousand, extra strong, 1 year plants, for sale the coming Spring. That there may not be any fraud practiced in selling this new grape, we shall have every vine sold, labeled with our trade-mark or seal. Any vine delivered without our seal or trade-mark upon it, will not be genuine, as all the vines of the Green Mountain will be sent out by us, and will pass through our hands before they can be delivered to those who buy them.

The price of vines is \$2.00 each.

STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS,

NEW CANAAN, CONN.

Below we give extracts from the press, where samples have been tested, and from persons who have seen the vines growing and tested the fruit therefrom.

From the *Norwalk Gazette* :—

Stephen Hoyt's Sons, at their New Canaan Nursery, have the exclusive ownership in a new and superb seedling grape, which they have christened the "Green Mountain." It is a whitish green color, with soft pulp and a rich juiciness of most exquisite flavor. It was an accidental seedling, is a thrifty grower, large bearer, and seems unusually hardy, as might be supposed from its having been indigenous to cold Vermont. The Hoyts deem it one of the most valuable acquisitions of recent years, in the grape line. It is well worth a visit to their nursery grounds to see.

From the *Norwalk Hour* :—

Stephen Hoyt's Sons, the New Canaan Nurserymen, are placing on the market a new white grape which is called the "Green Mountain." We had a taste of the fruit on Wednesday and regretted exceedingly that Mr. Hoyt had not sent more bunches. The grape is very early, ripening from the 25th to the 31st of August, and in flavor of the finest—is simply delicious. Unlike many former varieties the Green Mountain will grow to perfection here. The samples we tested were picked from vines planted two years ago last Spring.

From the *Stamford Advocate* :—

Among the recent horticultural triumphs of the Hoyt Nurseries in New Canaan, is a new grape called the "Green Mountain." Most readers have at least a partial idea of the wonderful things accomplished in the development of hot house grapes. But still more important—because benefitting a vastly wider field of consumers—is the production of a new grape for the people, a grape that comes to perfection in the ordinary condition of out door summer weather and requires no special attention beyond that given to the commonest variety known. The "Green Mountain" is a white grape. Its great distinguishing point, besides its color and quality, is the fact that it ripens and is fit for use the last week in August.

From the *New England Homestead* :—

This new white grape is named from the state in which it originated. It is controlled by Stephen Hoyt's Sons, the well-known and reliable nurserymen of New Canaan, Conn. It is apparently a very hardy variety, and judging from the specimens of the fruit received, the bunches and berries are of fair size and the quality very good. It also has the excellence of being a very early kind as well as an abundant bearer, if we may judge of the latter quality from the limited tests that have been made with it. The vine is certainly a very vigorous grower, and having originated in Vermont, where it ripens its fruit perfectly, it would appear to be well adapted to sections where the later varieties do not mature. It was picked last year, August 25th, and this year September 1st.

From the *Hoosic Valley News*.

The following appears in the account given of the Fair held at North Adams, Mass. :—

James M. Paul exhibited 15 varieties of grapes. Among them was the "Green Mountain" Seedling, one of the sweetest and best flavored grapes we have ever tasted. It is a white grape, ripens early, is very hardy and peculiarly adapted to this climate. Mr. Paul has made grape culture a life-long study and is confident that he has now a vine that he can recommend without reserve.

From the *North Adams Transcript* :—

James Paul left at this office a few days ago a sample of Green Mountain grapes which grew on a vine set this year. The fruit was perfectly matured and of very fine flavor, and the variety, which is a seedling that was propagated by Mr. Paul a few years ago, should become popular with grape growers in this latitude, as it is a prolific bearer and very hardy. The grapes ripen earlier than any other known variety.

From the *Connecticut Farmer* :—

We have received from Stephen Hoyt's Sons, the well-known nurserymen, a number of handsome clusters of their new Green Mountain grape, which we briefly alluded to last season. In a letter concerning it the Messrs. Hoyt write: This grape we have been testing in our nursery for three years, and we are fully satisfied that it is a grape that all lovers of this fruit who have a place to plant a vine will want. We have no hesitation in stating we believe it to be the best early grape yet introduced. So confident are we that it is a variety of unsurpassed excellence as an early grape that we shall take great pride in presenting it to the public.

We believe the Green Mountain grape fully justifies the high opinion held by the eminent nurserymen who send it out. When fully ripe it is a most delicious, melting fruit, as we remember it last season, those sent this year being not so ripe. Its clusters are well-formed and the berries of good size. We should judge that it would bear transportation well, and we are sure that for home use, it is a prize worth securing. The vines will be placed on sale next Spring.

From the *South Norwalk Sentinel* :—

Stephen Hoyt's Sons, of New Canaan, have developed a most valuable grape which we saw and tested yesterday. They call it the "Green Mountain." It is of the white variety, perfect in form and delicious in flavor. The vine is hardy, the grapes grow in large and beautiful clusters, and they ripen before the first of September. In fact they have the appearance and flavor of the rare hot house grape. The Messrs. Hoyt have grown them for three seasons, and are fully satisfied that they are reliable, and next season will be for sale. We know of no white grape that grows out doors that equals them, and we expect to hear from the Green Mountain grape in the future.

E. S. Goff, of Ontario Co., New York, in the January number of *Popular Gardening*, writes :

Among the very promising varieties soon to be introduced to the public is the Green Mountain, a very early greenish white grape first brought to notice by Mr. James M. Paul, of North Adams, Mass., who found it growing wild in the mountains whose name it bears. I have fruited this grape for the past two seasons ; it ripens about with Champion, while its quality ranks among the best. The vine is vigorous and quite productive, bearing medium sized, not very compact bunches, of which the berries are a little larger than those of the Delaware. The flesh is quite free from hard pulp, and entirely without harshness or foxiness, and its flavor is very sweet, with a slight inclination toward the vinous. I must pronounce it the only grape thus far tested that ranks first both in earliness and quality.

From the *Rural New Yorker* :—

The new Green Mountain Grape was found growing in the Green Mountains of Vermont, where it ripens its fruit perfectly. Although a chance seedling it has no appearance of a wild grape, but resembles more a light colored hot house grape. The bunches are of medium size and shouldered. The berries are medium sized and yellowish green in color. The pulp is tender, sweet and agreeable.

NEW YORK AGRICULTURAL EXPERIMENT STATION,
Director, Dr. PETER COLLIER, Geneva, Ontario Co., N. Y. }
GENEVA, N. Y., January 1st, 1888. }

STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS, New Canaan, Conn.

Gentlemen :—In reply to your favor of December 28th : Mr. Paul sent us a vine of the Green Mountain grape in the Spring of 1885. The vine has made a good growth, and has borne fruit during the last two years. The fruit has been pronounced fully ripe on September 1st in both years. The last year I called it fully ripe slightly before either the Moore's Early or Champion ; at least, it was fully ripe before either of these varieties was in the best condition for eating. The vine has proved productive, hardy and free from mildew, and in quality, the best of the early grapes, so far as tested here. I consider it a very promising variety.

Very Truly Yours,

PETER COLLIER, Director.

EAST WINDSOR, December 27th, 1888.

MR. PAUL.

Dear Sir :—The Green Mountain grape vine that I had of you is doing well. The grapes are considerably *earlier* than Moor's Early, *sweeter* and *finer flavored*. I think it is the *best* grape that I have seen in New England and the *earliest*.

Yours Truly,

R. W. TORREY.

PITTSFIELD, December 27th, 1888.

MR. JAMES M. PAUL.

My Dear Sir :—The two vines of the Green Mountain grape, I had of you, have borne fruit two years. I regard the vine as a thrifty grower and a good bearer. The grape is very rich with no sour pulp. Needs thinning about one-half. It stands beside the Delaware, and is ripe at least a fortnight earlier.

Yours Truly,

JAMES FRANCIS.

MESSRS. STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS, New Canaan, Conn.]

My Green Mountain Grape vine, set one year ago last Spring, has borne a nice little crop the past season. It is the earliest grape, and also the finest quality, which I have or that is grown in this vicinity.

BLACKINTON, MASS., January 5th. 1889.

THOS. C. PHELPS.

MESSRS. STEPHEN HOYT'S SONS, New Canaan, Conn.

My Green Mountain Grape vine, set three years ago, has given a fine crop the past season. I consider it the finest grape I have ever eaten, and extremely early; indeed it is the only grape yet tested that ripens well at my high altitude—1,560 feet—among the mountains.

NOTCH, MASS., January 8th, 1889.

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